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NO CONGRESS REPLY Final Answer To India Plan Awaited

CHINA'S "WANTED LIST"

A representative of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Hqs. in Canton arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon and the "China Mail" learned from semi-official Chinese sources last night that he is to discuss with the Hong Kong Government the question of Chinese collaborators who are in the Colony and who are on China's "wanted list."

This follows closely on the heels of the passing into law last Friday of the Chinese Collaborators (Surrender) Ordinance, 1946, and it is understood that the representative—Major-General Li Han-chung—will begin his talks today with the local authorities.

Various details of a technical nature concerning the handing over of collaborators have to be worked out and as soon as these are settled and Major-General Li has reported back to his Headquarters the Chinese Government is expected to make almost immediate application for the surrender of the wanted collaborators.

Opposition From Moslem Press

NEW DELHI, May 20. WITH THE CONGRESS PARTY'S FINAL ANSWER TO THE CABINET MISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR INDIA'S FUTURE STILL UNDECIDED, MAHATMA GANDHI TONIGHT REPORTED TO THE PARTY'S WORKING COMMITTEE ON A TWO-HOUR TALK EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH LORD PETHICK-LAWRENCE AND SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS.

AFTER A FOUR-HOUR MEETING, THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED TILL TOMORROW MORNING.

Mr. Gandhi's talk is believed to have dealt with the scope, functions and structure of the proposed interim government. Congress quarters indicate that further meetings between Mr. Gandhi and the Cabinet Mission may be necessary before the Working Committee can pass a resolution on the proposals. It is believed that doubts are felt by members of the Committee on the grouping of the provinces, and that a clarification is being sought by Mr. Gandhi on this point.

No word on the proposals has yet come from Moslem League quarters, and Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Moslem League President, is still in Simla.

Moslem View

Today's issue of "Dawn," Moslem League organ, said, "If after careful study it is found that the plan is a trap from which there is no exit towards Pakistan, it will have to be completely rejected. If on

the other hand, it is felt that by working the plan from within Moslems will be able to bring themselves nearer to the goal of Pakistan, that course will not be ruled out."

The paper emphasised that the ultimate aim was Pakistan. "Those who think that, because of the present Labour Government's unwillingness to concede Pakistan, the Moslem national struggle for freedom will end, or even lose momentum, are victims of foolish hope," it said. "The nation (meaning Moslems) awaits its leader's (Jinnah's) word of command and peace or bloodshed hangs only on that word."

London Comment

Alastair Forbes, political commentator of the "Sunday Dispatch" (Conservative) writes:

India has long been divided by many factors, but never by British administration. If the ambitious British scheme is ever made to function successfully, without causing injustice or unhappiness to the vast minorities and if the Indian sub-continent can find a satisfactory form of self-government, it will give fresh hope and confidence to those of us who have always sought to create a free and united Europe. For Europe, it must be remembered, is united by common tradition of religion and culture and untrammelled by castes, as India can never be."

Two Choices

The Cooperative left-wing "Reynolds News" writes in commenting on the India plan: There are only two choices before Britain today in relation to our vast colonial and imperial possessions. One is to hold on everywhere in the teeth of rising nationalism and by maintaining huge armies of occupation. The other policy is one, which Labour is following today.

It is to recognise that the day of imperial possessions is ended, not only because subject peoples are everywhere determined to break their chains, but because the conscience of Britain and the world will no longer tolerate what would be necessary to maintain our rule.

Satisfaction

London, May 20. Although British authoritative quarters here emphasise that it is yet too early for optimism over the India plan, satisfaction is expressed today with reactions so far received from India. Particular pleasure was expressed at Gandhi's statement, Reuters diplomatic correspondent reports.—Reuters.

Effect Of Fall In Birthrate

Brighton, May 20. Sir Godfrey Ince, Secretary to the Labour Ministry, told the National Association of Juvenile Employment and Welfare officers yesterday that a fall in birthrate means that the number of boys and girls under sixteen available for employment will be half of what it is now. He said that only 335,000 boys reached the age of 15 this year compared with 417,000 in 1935 and the figure would fall to 300,000 in 1950. An advisory council on juvenile employment is to be set up.—Reuters.

SYRIA

Syrian, May 20. The Syrian Government yesterday informed the United Nations Security Council that all British and French troops have been withdrawn from Syria.—Associated Press.

Ordered Not To Attack U.S. Ships

Nuernberg, May 20. Grand Admiral Erich Raeder testified before the War Crimes Tribunal today that United States ships repeatedly violated the neutrality rules before America entered the war.

Raeder, who was the Nazi Navy chief, said the German Navy received orders from Hitler not to attack United States ships despite alleged neutrality violations.

He testified that American "neutrality patrols" during the summer of 1941 operated more than 1,000 miles from the United States, although the so-called neutrality act extended only 300 miles. He said the late Frank Knox, then U.S. Secretary of the Navy, announced at a press conference on the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor that United States warships were ordered to fire upon German vessels, but Hitler in turn, decreed that "no condition could be permitted to fire first, but we could defend ourselves."

Former Commander-in-Chief of the German Air Force, Hermann Goering was absent from the courtroom today, with what was described as a slight Sialia condition by physicians who added that his condition is not serious.—Associated Press.

Internationalisation Of Ruhr Basin?

PARIS, MAY 20. MR. ERNEST BEVIN, THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, HAS DEMANDED THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF INDUSTRIES IN EASTERN GERMANY, IN THE HEART OF THE SOVIET OCCUPATION ZONE. THIS WAS INDICATED IN ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE OF THE FINAL SESSION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S COUNCIL.

SUCH A PROJECT WOULD COUNTER-BALANCE THE MOOTED INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE RUHR INDUSTRIAL BASIN, AND INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS WITH BRITISH MEMBERS WOULD THUS SECURE A Foothold IN UPPER SILESIA, TO OFF-SET RUSSIAN REPRESENTATION IN THE RUHR.

Bevin also proposed the examination of the German question as a whole, said official sources, rather than giving them piecemeal consideration, and called for a review of Germany's eastern boundaries, including areas under Polish administration.

He raised these points during the discussion of French demands for political detachment of the Saar, Ruhr and the Rhineland, which would provide for international supervision over the strategic Ruhr industrial region.

Germany, said Bevin, had another highly industrial region in upper Silesia and there should also be Allied supervision to guard against rearmament there as well.

Concerning Germany's eastern frontiers, Mr. Bevin pointed out, official quarters added, that at Potsdam, the Big Three had placed the area east of the Oder under Polish administration pending a peace settlement, but this did not mean, he contended, that the area was definitely ceded to Poland.

Family Life For Servicemen

LONDON, MAY 20. MEASURES TO AVOID THE BREAK-UP OF HOME LIFE CAUSED BY LONG SEPARATION FROM THEIR FAMILIES OF MEN SERVING WITH THE FORCES WERE ANNOUNCED BY LORD NATHAN, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR WAR, IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS. THEY WERE RECEIVED WITH DEEP SATISFACTION BY A HOUSE WHICH HAD DISPLAYED REAL ANXIETY ON THE SUBJECT.

They include: Shorter tours of duty abroad; Maintenance and expansion of the welfare services built up during the war; enabling more families to join husbands overseas, and The building of married quarters up to full requirements at both home and overseas garrisons.

Lord Elton, opening the debate, called attention to the social problem lying behind the recent announcement that 48,600 Service men were awaiting divorces. Those in a position to know estimated that for every case listed for divorce there were four or five others, which brought the figure to 200,000. In addition, there were estimated to be another 100,000 undisclosed cases of eventual shipwreck when the husband returned home.

Nightmare Of Exile Declaring that the treatment of married men by the authorities under the urgent compulsion of war had often been unimaginative, and at times inconsiderate, Lord Elton recalled that he was a prisoner of war for two and a half years in the previous war. He deeply moved the House by relating how, ever since, he had been visited by a vivid and recurring nightmare.

"The details are always the same," he said, "I am a prisoner again. The war is endless, and I am irrevocably and indefinitely doomed to exile from my home and my family. I always awake from it in acute mental agony, and I am afraid there must have been hundreds of thousands of men in this war to whom not a mere dream, but present reality brought almost exactly that distress."

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CIVIL WAR IN IRAN

New York, May 20. The British Broadcasting Corporation today quoted Tabriz radio as saying clashes between troops of the Azerbaijan province and the Iranian Central Government continued at three places along the Azerbaijan border.

The British broadcast emphasized, however, that neither the Tehran radio nor other sources had confirmed the Tabriz radio account of the skirmishes.

Tabriz radio said that in one encounter the Central Government forces suffered an unspecified number of casualties and lost 40 soldiers as prisoners.

Tabriz had earlier radioed that all large Azerbaijan towns were under martial law and appealed to the residents of Azerbaijan to resist the government forces to the last man.—Associated Press.

Delayed Report

Tehran, May 19. Tabriz Radio announced today that Iranian Central Government forces attacked the "Democratic Garrison" at the Azerbaijan town of Sainkaleh with mortars at 1330 GMT.

Sainkaleh lies about 100 miles south of Tabriz, capital of the self-proclaimed autonomous government of Azerbaijan Province, and only a short distance inside the Azerbaijan frontier.

The broadcast said: "This is how Qavam desires a peaceful settlement of the Azerbaijan differences, but we are ready. There may be death but no retreat."

The broadcast added that a 9 p.m. Iran-time curfew has been proclaimed in all Azerbaijan cities and that Sadig Aydegan, secretary of the Azerbaijan Democratic Party's central committee, has been named military governor of Tabriz.

It also reported that Iranian Government troops launched an attack three days ago against Kurdish forces at Saqqiz on the Azerbaijan-Kurdistan border, 64 miles south of Lake Urmia. The Kurds are reported to have taken 37 prisoners during the battle.—Associated Press.

"Unlikely"

London, May 20. The B.B.C. says that an Iranian Government spokesman today described the reports of fighting as "unlikely."

The broadcast, which did not give the source of its information, added that the spokesman said the Government forces "have strict orders not to start any fighting. It may be possible that some frontier units fired a few shots at the Azerbaijanians who were provoking them."

Tehran radio made no mention on Monday of any fighting.—Associated Press.

LEBANON GOVT.

Beirut, May 20. Lebanon is still without a prime minister today, forty-eight hours after the resignation of Sami Solh.

The Independence Party, which has the majority in Parliament and which according to convention has the right to nominate the candidate for premiership, has so far been unable to agree on any one person.

The fall of Sami Solh's Government followed the resignation of two ministers belonging to the Independence Party.—Reuters.

UKRAINE HARVEST

Moscow, May 20. Tass reported from Kiev on Sunday that the Ukraine is bringing in a big harvest. Marshall MacDuffie, head of the U.N.R.R.A. mission in Moscow, was said to have stated: "If there is no rain in two weeks the crops in the Ukraine will be ruined."—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Cloudy with occasional showers, easterly wind. Yesterday's temperature: Maximum—74°; Minimum—48°. At midnight: Maximum—78°; Minimum—43°. Sunshine: Nil. Rain: 1.45 inches. Maximum Humidity: 97 per cent. at 10 p.m.

Coloured Troops In Germany

Nuernberg, May 20. United States Military Government officials are drawing up a report reviewing the whole question of the use of American coloured troops for the occupation of Germany, it was learned here tonight.

This follows a confession by a United States coloured soldier that he shot two soldiers in Nuernberg on May 11.

Turkish Prime Minister "Accused"

Istanbul, May 20. The electoral campaign in Turkey is taking an unexpected course with opposition papers daily adopting a more outspoken language in spite of the restrictive press code being still in force.

Observers express the opinion that clashes between the powerful reigning People's Party and the newly born opposition parties may extend beyond newspaper articles and speeches. Strong rumours circulate that riots are in the offing. The Democrat Party organ in Smyrna warned the People's Party to abstain from actions that would lead to "quarrels between brothers." The newspaper "Tanvir" says that Democrat Party members in Anatolian towns are being subject to pressure.

The opposition press criticizes the Government in terms that no newspaper dared employ only six months ago. For the first time in Turkey's history as a republic, the President has been called to account by citizens, asking how he was using the country's money while campaigning for his party. An official communique from Premier Saracoglu's office stated that the President had not taken any money from the Treasury for his tour.

Charges Denied

The Government today denied the charges by Professor Koprun, a member of the National Assembly and founder-member of the Democrat Party, that it interfered with private mail and telephone calls. While his statement was endorsed by the opposition, Government quarters and newspapers accuse him of lack of patriotism in having made such a declaration in the American press. The Government organ "Dum-

It was learned that the Negro, a truck-driver who arrived in Nuernberg with a contingent of replacement troops early this year, and is now held at Erlanger, near Nuernberg, wanted to put his case and full details of his confession before a party of Negro editors and publishers now touring the American zone.

The party is due to visit Nuernberg where they will attend the War Crimes trial. The Negro is said to have stated that he shot at a German who had been threatening him because he was friendly with German girls near his billet, and it was "pure chance" that the bullet hit the Americans.

The Americans who were killed—Sgt Paul Seelton of McKinney Texas, and S/Sgt William Timmons of West Harin, Connecticut—were in a jeep at the time. With them were Miss Kay Gass of Wimbledon, London, Miss Rose Korb of Hammond, Indiana, Miss Kathleen O'Farrell of Limerick, Eire and another United States soldier.

A personal interest is being taken in the Negro detained at Erlangen, by General Leroy Watson, commander of the Nuernberg Fourth Enclave, who visited the detention camp today and is arranging a meeting with the editors and the accused soldier. An attempt to bring them together for an interview today apparently failed.

It is officially estimated that there are about 20,000 Negro troops in the American zone, of whom 8,000 may be in the Nuernberg area.—Reuters.

"huriyet Republic" said: "Even if the accusations were correct, what is the necessity of telling them to the American press?" On the contrary, it said, every intellectual Turk ought to make "favourable propaganda" in the United States and other foreign countries.—Reuters.

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ITALIAN MONARCHY

Victor Emmanuel's farewell letter to Umberto, the contents of which were disclosed in Rome on Sunday, contributes little to an understanding of the man and his motives. His abdication from the throne to which he succeeded 45 years ago merely gives formal sanction to existing facts for he ceased to occupy it, for practical purposes, two years ago. Indeed, for nearly a quarter of a century, since Mussolini's "March on Rome," his influence as a monarch had been imperceptible, and the end of his reign will be the occasion, in his own country as elsewhere, for some faint pity, but not the faintest regret. Insignificant in stature and appearance, simple and scholarly in his tastes, physically courageous, as he showed in the battles of the First World War, King Victor—unfortunately for him and for the Italian people—had neither the will-power nor the judgment required for the responsibilities of the throne. It was, in fact, Mussolini who for more than 20 years made every decision. The coup d'état which placed the Duce in power was not resisted by King Victor, nor did he stand effectively in his overweening Minister's way at any point until Italy found itself utterly defeated and the Fascist leaders were divided against one another. In his defence it may be urged that the King followed the only course open to a constitutional monarch. But a more determined constitutional monarch who disliked Mussolini as heartily as King Victor undoubtedly did would have found the means of replacing him, or else have abdicated voluntarily as a protest before the nation. How far the King personally approved the Abyssinian adventure, the subservient pact with Germany and the fatal war against the Allies remains doubtful, but in all these steps he acquiesced, no doubt in the hope of safeguarding the Throne for his dynasty. His tardy rejection of the Fascist regime when it was already doomed did not prevent him from being personally identified with its failure, and he was ill-advised not to abdicate immediately at the time in favour of Prince Umberto. The Prince now becomes the representative of the monarchy with little in his favour beyond a historical sentiment for the House which unified Italy and a reputation for having been no friend of the Duce. Whether he is to reign will be decided by the Italian referendum next month.

IRAQ AND PALESTINE

Baghdad, May 19.
Tewfik Al Sawaidi, premier of Iraq, said on Sunday that he understood Russia to be opposed to the recommendations of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee for the admission of an additional 100,000 Jews in Palestine.
"I don't have definite information," Sawaidi said "but it is said Russia opposes the report."
Sawaidi denied published reports that the new Turko-Iraqi treaty provides for Iraq's recognition of Turkey's annexation of Alexandretta.
"Such a report is groundless," he declared.—Associated Press.

PALESTINE INVITATION

Jerusalem, May 20.
The Palestine High Commissioner, General Sir Alan Cunningham, has invited the Arab Higher Committee and the Jewish Agency to meet him today.
A spokesman indicated that the meetings might be separate. The subject of the talks is not disclosed.
It is not known who will head the Arab delegation. In the absence of Jamal al-Husseini, the Arab League is preparing for the Arab League conference.—Associated Press.

Don Iddon's Diary

Patient Public Suspects Distortion Of Values

The political egg hatches a maximum of words, but a minimum of action, over the food crisis, and a revival of criticism of alleged British "imperialism." The American people are finding it impossible to get excited over Iran or Indochina over Franco Spain, and they are cynical of Poland's ventriloquist's dummy act.

Civil War Fear

Officially, the United States is considering "all charges" against Spain with meticulous care, but neither State Secretary Byrnes nor our man, Sir Alexander Cadogan, wants a wholesale severance of diplomatic relations with the Spanish Government, for the simple reason that they fear civil war, with Communism finally moving in and taking over Madrid.

Not one here has forgiven, or forgotten, Franco's crime calendar, but most people find it impossible to imagine that Spain intends to attack France or endanger world peace.

The revelations of atom-splitting and plotting inside Spain by Nazi scientists are generally expected to turn out to be damp squibs quelling in the mire of power politics.

The patient public feels there is distortion of values when Spain gets so much headline attention and the shrinking stomachs of Europe and Asia so little.

Call To Fast

It is only the old brass-voiced enemies of international co-operation—the Hearsts, Pattersons, and McCormicks—who are shouting that Prohibition is on its way back, that the American citizen is being robbed of his beer for the doubtful privilege of sending bread to foreigners.

More appropriate and attuned to the situation is the call of some clergymen here for a national day of fasting to dramatise the world's distress.

By The Way

Since words now mean whatever a speaker wishes them to mean, there is no harm in calling a match everlasting because "it may strike a thousand times."
It may last heavy smokers a month, or it may not. So it is everlasting. I prefer the Strabismus cigarette, which is alright when you buy it, and will smoke for ever—that is, for half an hour, unless you allow it to go out.
What Tosti Forgot
"Falling" sock and fading tree,
Sang Tosti in despair.
"Goodbye, summer, goodbye," said he,
But a blackbird sitting there
Chirped, "Atta, Tosti! Why so glum?"
"There's one thing you forgot:
"The socks that fall in autumn time
"Need a Thorogrip Garter-ette."
In Passing,
The victory of the barnmaids in Glasgow over the tea-totalers reminds me of two admirable replies I have heard in my time. During a heat-wave a man came into a public-house

that a man famous as a humanitarian, Henry Agard Wallace, past Vice-President, present Secretary of Commerce, and future President in his own view, should choose this time to rebuke the British Empire instead of lending his energies to finding for the famished.

Wallace, in a major speech, now says publicly what he's been saying privately for some time: "Aside from language and a common literary tradition, we have no more in common with Imperialistic England than with Communist Russia."

These are harsh, ignoble words, and coming fast after Senator Claude Pepper's denunciation of "British hypocrisy and broken promises," have the odour of conspiracy.

The American people are rejecting official advice that the new world organisation should be called UN instead of UNO, UN is a grunt and a nothing. UNO is the name.

Odds On Loan

These facts should also be studied this week:

Odds on the Loan being authorised are now three to one. By the time we get the credit it will almost be time to pay it back.

It is superlatively appropriate that UNO, established to promote world stability, should have a former gyroscope factory as its headquarters and that a skating rink should be the scene of some of its deliberations.

Anyway, the Russian effort to turn Hunter College into a little red schoolhouse doesn't seem to have succeeded.

Ration points are not necessary for shopping here, but patience, persistence, and fortitude help.

Men's clothes are hard to get and so much material has been diverted to women's coats and dresses that it's said women have taken the clothes off men's backs.

Even so, there's been a great spurge of American capital on

Sunday clothes, and during the spring the U.S. has poured out about \$500,000,000 on finery, fripperies, and just plain clothes.

Shop-Eyed

Some males, encouraged by the spectacle of Michael Arlen, Sir Aubrey Smith, and Raymond Massey carrying walking-sticks, are buying gold-knobbed canes, but there's little case of swagger in their handling of them.

Snirts are practically unobtainable, and the New Yorker points out that it's impossible now to find an unstuffed shirt here as well as in Washington.

Essentially, however, it's been a woman's week. The slogan is: Your eyes will pop when you shop.

Ours are slightly bloodshot from the dizzy show of fringed, flowered, cretonnes, lampshade lunacies, frilled tees and fancy work, tortured toques, and capering clowns' caps.

Costs have a "Come hither" look, while at night style demands the neck and shoulders thrust fully into view, with dresses cut off one shoulder or off both.

Mike In The Money

The baseball season has started with a flourish, and the forth-coming fight between Joe Louis and Billy Conn, with seats at \$25 each, will begin a new golden age of sport.

The winner, of course, will be promoter Mike Jacobs, who is making money hand over fist—cuffs.

And the housing shortage worsens, so that returning Service men, doubling up with their relatives, say: "I went to war, it was no fun; but life with an in-law is worse than a gun."

Entertainment has now become New York's second biggest business (the first is the retail trade), and the pleasure whirl gets giddier.

Even the roaring '20s never produced money-making like this. Fortunately, the individual performers are being paid plenty, and that box-office luro Frank Sinatra has signed a five-year contract guaranteeing him a minimum of a \$1,500,000 whether he makes pictures or not.

Gary Cooper becomes the highest-paid star per production in the world with \$500,000 for a single film.

The studios, told to shun gangster movies as harmful to America's prestige abroad, have now plunged into a cycle of highly charged, sex-saturated psychological films, raw and harsh, but great profit yielders. The Churches protest, but go unheard.

Deanna Stays In

In New York, Oscar Hammerstein II, becomes Broadway's first citizen, with six straight hits running simultaneously, making Billy Rose blush and Mjaneel Todd nod.

Seeing the Hammerstein shows and others is Dorothy Lamour, who declares her three-month-old son is her best production: Gene Raymond, Jeanette MacDonald, Deanna Durbin, and Lana Turner are also in town.

Raymond, who had a brilliant war record, says no one knows his name now but he doesn't mind, as his wife, Jeanette MacDonald, is still famous. However, he would object to being called Mr. MacDonald.

The Durbin has looked herself in her hotel quite, and is saying nothing, seeing nobody.

Lana Turner is in the throes of a new romance.

Paulette Goddard and Margaret Sullivan will soon be en route for London.

Noel Coward should drop over here and ask President Truman to publicise British films.

Gertrude Lawrence, with whom I had a farewell drink last night, has organised a Food for Britain Drive, and she and all her friends are sending parcels. More Laurels for Lawrence.

Florence Desmond is clicking here.

Goldy Locks

The latest Hollywood make-up trick is gold dust on the hair and eyelashes of spun glass.

The week's film is "Devotion," with Ida Lupino and Olivia de Havilland. It will stir no commotion.

The week's play is "Carmen Jones"—a revival. A bargain and a blessing.

The book of the week is "Night and the City," by Gerald Kersh. More Able Than Cain (James).

Astor Oil

Items: The Boston Globe says what the American wants today is a house to live in and a motor-car to get away from it.

Lady Astor repeats to the United States: "You should go on your knees to gratitude to Great Britain." Astor oil for the Americans.

They say about the Persian issue—the victor belongs to the oil.

FOOTNOTE: A reader writes: "Would you describe The Daily Mail as a Liberal paper? Well, it has always been very liberal with us."

World Socialist Conference

Clacton-on-Sea, May 20.

The International Socialist Conference, which ended in this sea-side resort today, decided to establish a London bureau for mutual contact and information among the world's Socialists and to reconvene next October, again in Britain, to consider more permanent steps for regular exchange.

In the meantime, Britain's Labour Party, which sent four ministers to attend the conference, will take charge of the London office.

The third major decision of the delegates, who came from 20 countries, including Canada, New Zealand, the Argentine, and Palestine, was to call a conference in Paris to discuss the Spanish problem.

Invitations for this meeting will be sent out by the French Socialists and Britain's Labour Party as well as other parties represented at Clacton. It indicated that they would attend.

Relations between the British Labour Party and Russia's Communists will remain an important question in the interval before the proposed October conference.

At its approaching convention the Labour Party will again discuss sending a delegation to Moscow for talks—a step decided on at a previous conference which has not, so far, been carried out.

Professor Harold Laski, one of Britain's delegates to the conference, told a reporter today that he would resign his chairmanship of the Labour Party's Executive rather than agree to attempts to reform the Second International without seeking an understanding with the Russians.

He voiced opposition to reconvening the Second International while there was any hope of agreement with the British Communists.—Reuter.

MORRISON DECISION SURPRISE

London, May 20.
A statement will be issued by the British Government this week on the acceptance in Washington by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, of a further sacrifice by Britain of 200,000 tons of wheat for starvation-threatened countries, it was learned here today.

Mr. Morrison's action, taken during a three-day visit to the United States, was a complete surprise to many members of Parliament. It is likely that there will be a debate on the whole food situation with emphasis on the outlook for the next 6 months.

The Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, who arrived in London this afternoon to take part in the Empire Prime Ministers Conference this week, had no comment to make on the report that Canada's Minister of Agriculture had expressed dissatisfaction at Mr. Morrison's action.

He was reported last night to have said that the wheat which Mr. Morrison planned to allocate to famine-threatened countries was wheat which Canadians had made a special effort to send to aid Britain. It was said to Britain, he said, at low prices according to an agreement between the two countries.

"I have not gone into that myself," Mr. King said today. "I do not know what discussions have taken place since I left. I have had a week of delightful freedom on the voyage."—Reuter.

FRANCO ATTACK ON SOVIET

Oviedo, Spain, May 20.
Franco, speaking for 42 minutes in the Central Square of this mining provincial capital, formerly a Socialist-Communist stronghold, said today the Soviet Russia after closing the churches now is reopening them in "an imperialistic attempt to dominate the world."

Cries of "Spain, yes, Communist no" arose from the crowd. Franco attacked Russia as having engaged in the destroying of private property, the army and the church and then restoring them. He asserted many peoples had higher living standards because of colonial workers earning "miserable wages."—Associated Press.

France To Bid For German Markets

Washington, May 20.
Well-informed sources said today that the United States had approved a French plan to try for Germany's former steel markets in Europe. Economic experts, who have been studying the French four-year industrial modernization plan, said the Export and Import Ban last week approved a \$650,000,000 loan.

Argentine Replacements

Buenos Aires, May 20.
The two highest ranking Generals of Argentina's Army, both having served as Military Attaches in Germany, have been relieved.

They are General of the Army Carlos von der Becke, Commander-in-Chief of all the armed forces and general Juan Pizarini. Pizarini will remain Vice President until the regime of the President-elect Juan Peron takes office next month.

Becke, who requested retirement after forty years of service, has been succeeded by General Juan Carlos Basal, who was delegate to the San Francisco Conference and lived in the United States from 1926 to 1929 while purchasing arms and munitions. Pizarini served 55 years in the Army. He received the Order of the German Eagle from Hitler.—Associated Press.

ARAB LEAGUE SESSION

Cairo, May 20.
The Arab League's extraordinary session for the discussion on Palestine will be held during the first week of June, the League said in a communiqué.

The meeting of the heads of the Arab states, termed as "one of the greatest events in this critical period of the Arab nations' history" will be held on May 28.—Associated Press.

Soviet Hurls Charges Against United States

CABARETS UPSET

Nanking, May 20.
Cabaret owners have complained against a city ordinance forbidding public dancing and contending that the order would drive 10,000 dancing girls and musicians into unemployment, it was reported today.—Associated Press.

MALAYAN UNION ENQUIRY

Singapore, May 20.
Two members of the British Parliament, Lieutenant-Colonel Roos Williams (Labour) and Captain L. D. Gammans (Conservative) who are investigating the attitude of Malaya on the proposed new constitutional formula for Malaya, arrived here today from Sarawak.

The new constitution provides for the regrouping of Malaya, States and the Straits Settlements into two administrative divisions—Malayan Union and the Colony of Singapore.

It has stirred some opposition based broadly on the assertion of the Sultans, whose states it is proposed are to be put into the new union, that they were inconsiderately hustled into an agreement with the British Government.

Colonel Williams and Captain Gammans were in Sarawak to ask the desire of the Sarawak people on the cession of their territory by the "White Rajah," Sir Charles Brooke, to Britain.

Sir Theodore Adams, formerly one of Malaya's most brilliant administrators, who is visiting the Malayan Union at the invitation of Sir Edward Gent, Governor, will accompany the two British members of Parliament on their tour.

The tour will probably start on Thursday, following the installation of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald as Governor-General of the Malayan Union and Singapore on Wednesday. Mr. MacDonald is on his way to Singapore.—Reuter.

In addition, the Government is expected to award France more than half-billion dollars to buy United States surplus goods and bring a final settlement to France's war claims and outstanding lend-lease accounts.

The French steel proposals, hinging on sufficient coal imports to more than double France's pre-war steel production, urge a greater allocation to France from all the world producing areas.

U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Fred Vinson, initially endorsed the proposal three weeks ago. Since then, President Truman's advisory council on foreign loans has approved it individually.

United States officials feel the following conditions must be met if France is to make the fullest use of the American credit aid:

- 1) Strict limitations on consumer goods, and production with continued rationing of many items.
- 2) Restriction on armaments production releasing man-power to civilian production.
- 3) Full cooperation from French technological and industrial management groups now employed in non-nationalized industries.
- 4) Concerted disposition of French man-power to produce goods in quantity and high quality.
- 5) Importation of industrial exports and initiation of a long-range programme of industrial training within France.—Associated Press.

MOSCOW, MAY 20.
SOVIET COMMENTATORS THIS WEEK-END, EXTENDED TO THE UNITED STATES CRITICISMS UNTILL RECENTLY LARGELY RESERVED FOR BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY.

AN ATTACK IN YESTERDAY'S "NEW TIMES" ON THE UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS FOR BASES, THE UNWILLINGNESS TO SHARE THE ATOM BOMB. SECRET WITH OTHER PEACE-LOVING NATIONS, WAS FOLLOWED TODAY BY AN ARTICLE IN THE RED ARMY NEWSPAPER "RED STAR," IN WHICH LIEUT.-COLONEL VICTOR CHEPRAKOV CONTENDED THAT AMERICA WAS ATTEMPTING TO CREATE A WIDELUNG CHAIN OF BASES AROUND THE WORLD.

Speaking of the "United States plans for setting up a new network of advance air bases aimed at pinning vital centres of other countries within reach of American aviation," Cheprakov added:

"The United States press, acting as the herald of a new post-war armaments race, demands that the United States should build a network of air bases girdling the world. "It should be emphasized that one of the veiled methods of creating outpost air bases, is the building by American Transport companies, of airports and landing grounds in numerous countries."

"Britain too is seeking to preserve and to expand her network of bases, particularly in the Near and Middle East," Cheprakov declared.

Professor Fyodor Galperin, the prominent Soviet scientist, urged that "the greatest possible number of Soviets should begin to study the atom, its structure and properties, to enable them to undertake new tasks."

Writing in "Red Fleet," the professor said: "Soviet Scientists are confronted with the task of utilising nuclear energy for the needs of power, industry, transport, communications, chemistry and so on. There is no doubt that the important task set by Generalissimo Stalin—that Soviet science must surpass foreign science—will be successfully solved by Soviet scientists and the Soviet people."

American Broadcast
An American broadcaster from Moscow today said that Soviet commentators are unanimous in maintaining that the fault for the stalemate of the Paris conference of Foreign Ministers lies with Britain and the United States.

"The criticism, until recently mainly levelled at Britain, is now also directed against the United States," he declared, "as the Russians feel that the American delegation at the Paris conference is to blame for the failure of the Foreign Ministers to agree."

Russian commentators charge that the United States and Britain are increasingly deserting the gospel of collective security and reverting to the old era of power-politics, of a scramble for strategic bases and spheres of influence, the broadcaster added.—Reuter.

Bali Dancers In England

London, May 20.
The ship swaying love dances of Bali and ceremonial dances which until now have been performed only in the courts of Javanese sultans were brought to Britain on Sunday by 15 Indonesian performers.

The dancers, 9 girls and a dozen men, plan a two month tour in England opening at Bristol on May 27th. A spokesman for the group said that the dancers were students trapped in Holland by the Dutch and that several were in the Dutch resistance movement.

The object of the tour, he said, was to show the culture of the Indonesian archipelago and to raise funds for Indonesian students stranded in London.—Associated Press.

POLES TO GO TO BRITAIN

London, May 20.
An authoritative source said yesterday that General Wladyslaw Anders' Polish army of more than 100,000 troops in Italy will be brought to Britain and disbanded soon. In Rome, General Anders' headquarters said the General had not been informed on the subject. An authoritative source said the decision was reached "on the higher levels" as a concession to the Soviet Union during the four-power Ministers conference.—Associated Press.

U.S. Defence Merger Manoeuvres

Washington, May 20.
The Democratic chairman of the Senate and House Naval Committees, Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, and Representative Vinson, of Virginia, in a joint letter to Secretary Forrestal of the Navy, said that Congress will not approve the merging of the War and Navy Departments, and advised against any compromise with Secretary of War Patterson.

The Senate Military Committee has recommended the passage of a bill abolishing the present War and Navy Departments and merging them under a single secretary with Air, Navy and Land Force branches.

Walsh and Vinson's letter warned that Navy and Marine aviation should be exempted from any proposals for a separate air force.

It urged, however, a nine point legislative programme putting into effect points agreed on by Navy and Army leaders. Among these are the integration of foreign and military policies, coordinated intelligence of all services, organized fostering of research by civilians and the military, and the setting up of industrial mobilization organizations.

The other points are largely directed towards correcting duplication and waste and joint operational training, while allowing each branch to fully develop its speciality, and unifying the operational command.—Associated Press.

Bavarians Told To Be Thankful

Nuremberg, May 19.
Dr. Josef Baumgartner, the Bavarian Minister of Food and Agriculture, told a meeting in Nuremberg today that Bavarians could be thankful they had at least potatoes to help them through the difficult weeks ahead. In the Ruhr, he said, even potato peelings were fast becoming something of a rare delicacy.

He refused to take any blame for rationing difficulties and to those who wished to blame the Occupation authorities he would only say that but for their presence in Germany, not a town or a village would have escaped revolution, murder and death.—Reuter.

JAP COMMUNIST CHARGES

Tokyo, May 20.
The Japanese Communist Party has published a list of 18 persons it considers war criminals, including Premier Yoshida and a number of candidates for his Cabinet. The Emperor is not named.

The Communists made a statement that the list was based on the study of alleged documentary records, including campaign literature for the wartime general elections.—Associated Press.

TRIAL OF CANADIAN M.P.

Ottawa, May 20.
Fred Ross, the only Communist member of the Canadian Parliament, is due to stand trial Monday on a charge of conspiracy in the Soviet espionage case. The government charges that he was the intermediary who collected secret information from other Canadians and forwarded it to Soviet agents in the holding yards of the war.—Associated Press.

Share And Share Alike

Rome, May 19.
Because of a priest's mistake, Guiseppe Alviani, 23, has two legal wives, a blonde and a brunette.

Alviani, dancing instructor and boxing promoter, lives alternate months with each wife. He married first in Rome in 1944.

The priest who officiated, instead of registering the marriage himself, gave the papers to Alviani for registration with the civil authorities.

Alviani did not register the marriage.

A year later Alviani married his second wife at a civil ceremony at Pescara, on the Adriatic coast.

Alviani brought the second wife to Rome, and began his "broken shift" living arrangement.

Then the two wives met, and took their case to court. Church and legal authorities have not yet reached a decision.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction on

Tuesday, the 21st. May, 1946.

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at the Premises of The Kin Lee Godown, The Praya, West Point.

31 LOTS OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS, comprising:—

Glass Lamp Shades, Wire Rope, Straw Rope, Cotton Yarn, Porcelain Ware, Empty Iron Drums, Mangrove Bark, Diesel Generating Plant, Etc., Etc., Etc.

The Above Premises will be open to inspection on 18th, May, 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and noon, and on 20th, May, 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and noon, and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the 9th March, 1946, issue of the Gazette.

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Hong Kong, May 18, 1946.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, 1946, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at the premises of

CHINA PROVIDENT GODOWNS 39/40, THE PRAYA, WEST POINT.

31 LOTS OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS, comprising:—

Mineral Ore, Lead Scrap, Cassia, Lead Powder, Hessian Cloth, Wooden Teapots, Match Labels, Fibre Boards, Rattan Ware, Etc., Etc., Etc.

The above Premises will be open to inspection on 21st and 22nd May, 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and Noon, and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the conditions of Sale published in the 9th March, 1946, issue of the Gazette.

A. E. B. de SOUSA, Auctioneer.

Hong Kong, 21st May, 1946.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twelfth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th DAY OF MAY, 1946, at 12 o'clock to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1941 and 31st December 1945 to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th day of May 1946 both days inclusive.

George Y. K. Sun, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 18th May, 1946.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Limited will be held at the registered office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Wednesday the Twelfth day of June 1946 at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution.

That Article 71 of the Articles of Association be altered by substituting the figures: "\$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00" for the figures "\$600.00 to \$1,200.00".

Dated the 18th day of May 1946.

George Y. K. Sun, Secretary.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING

P. & O. B.I. & E. & A. BILLS OF LADING.

Messrs. Goddard & Douglas will attend at 10 a.m. on Monday and Thursdays within the free storage period to survey damaged cargo, and consignees are requested to have their representative present.

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"P. & O. Lighter 'HAIAN' 150 tons deadweight capacity has been reconitioned and is now in commission. The lighter is offered for hire and applicants should submit their quotations to Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., P. & O. Building, Hong Kong."

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High Treason Charge

Richards' Statement Read In Court

Attempt To Solve Labour Problems

Representatives of the managements of the various public utilities in the Colony met yesterday to discuss the whole question of the pay and working conditions of their employees.

While no official statement was forthcoming from the meeting as to the result of its deliberations, it is reported that representatives of the employees of the utilities will probably be invited today to join in the deliberations, which are aimed at finding a solution to current labour problems and to secure uniformity of treatment, etc.

Meanwhile, the deadlock in the North Point power house strike of the Hong Kong Electric Company continued yesterday.

A member of the Strikers' Committee told a "China Mail" reporter last night that they hope to send representatives to the Labour Office today for discussions.

China Light

Employees of the China Light and Power Co. — the Kowloon counterpart of Hong Kong Electric — met on Sunday and unanimously decided to present their Company with similar requests for increases in pay and allowances. No details were forthcoming, but the "China Mail" was informed that representatives of the workers will present the requests this morning.

Money Mart

Chinese national currency opened yesterday at \$2.25 for futures and \$2.38 for spot (per CN\$1,000). Speculative selling of futures forced the price down to \$2.12 Spot dropped to \$2.31.

Gold opened firm at \$516 a tael, and a sudden wave of buying caused it to surge to \$542; but late in the afternoon it dropped back to \$516.

U.S. dollars had buyers at \$5.31; Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$17.40 and \$12.80 respectively.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 20.

The 10 a.m. quotations on the Shanghai market today were as follows:

Gold per ounce: — Buying CN\$196,600 Selling CN\$197,600.

U.S. dollars (unofficial market): Buying CN\$2,460 Selling CN\$2,470.

Hongkong dollars: — Buying CN\$430, Selling CN\$440.

Closing quotations were:

Gold per ounce: Buying CN\$189,600 Selling CN\$191,000.

U.S. dollars (unofficial market): Buying CN\$2,370 Selling CN\$2,400.

Hong Kong dollars: — Buying CN\$420 Selling CN\$430.

—Associated Press.

CRIMINAL SESSION CALENDAR

The first Criminal Session since the war will open in the Supreme Court this morning when pleas by 14 accused in 10 cases will be taken.

The following is the calendar:

(1) Ling Chau-kai and Cheung Sam, charged with armed robbery.

(2) Kwok Ying-wai and Leung Wai, alias Leung Cheong, charged with armed robbery and with receiving stolen property.

(3) Lau Nam and Sam Mui, charged with armed robbery, receiving stolen property, false imprisonment, and with forcible taking of a person with intent to obtain ransom.

(4) Chan Ming, charged with robbery with aggravation.

(5) Ng Ah-kun, charged with unlawful possession of ammunition.

(6) Tang Shu-ki and Cheung Ming, charged with extortion and with acceptance of bribe by a public servant.

(7) Chan Mui charged with wounding with intent.

(8) So Leung, (9) Tui Kwok-ching and (10) Lai Kit will be separately charged with high treason.

Mohammed Yusuf Shah and Wong Fuk Chap, charged with High Treason, and Wong Koon-Kan, Lo Kuan Yun and Wong Cheuk, charged under the Defence Regulations, were remanded for one week by Mr. C. Y. Kwan.

A young Chinese woman, Chu Cheuk, was fined \$50 by Mr. P. J. d'Almeida at the Central Magistracy yesterday for illegal parking of a motor car and a failure to obey the property of Mrs. Chan.

AT YESTERDAY'S RESUMED HEARING OF THE HIGH TREASON CASE AGAINST J. J. RICHARDS, IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT AFTER BEING SENTENCED, BASTO ASKED THE COURT TO GIVE HIM A PACK OF CARDS AND A BRIDGE BOOK TO PROVE THAT THE ALLEGED CODE WAS A BRIDGE PROBLEM.

MENTION WAS ALSO MADE BY MR. R. S. SMITH, CROWN PROSECUTOR, THAT AN APPLICATION HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN JAPAN FOR THE RETURN TO THIS COLONY OF A FORMER MEMBER OF THE JAPANESE CONSULATE, WHOSE PRESENCE WAS REQUIRED TO GIVE RELEVANT EVIDENCE.

The first witness to be called was Clarence A. Zane, who stated:

I went to the Yat Sun Cafe for dinner on New Year's Day 1945 with Nimura, a Japanese Gendarme, Hasegawa, Japanese Merchant, accused and two ladies. We had some drinks and Richards was the most talkative of the party. He mentioned a lot of things. He said he was responsible for the arrest of some people. I think the name of Remedios was mentioned. I am sure that the name of Basto was mentioned. The ladies of the party were shocked with what accused said, and asked if they were in any danger.

Accused replied that as far as he knew, they were not in any danger, but that if they were in danger, he would be able to assist them. (In 1944 I became a firewood, rice and provision dealer, with a godown at what is now known as No. 423 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City. The card now produced to me in Court was brought to me by a messenger purporting to be from Richards. He asked for some firewood. I gave him two piculs of firewood which were taken away on a tricycle. A few days later I received a telephone message from accused acknowledging receipt.)

A Badge

The next witness Hiroo Yoshio, stated:

I was O.C. the Kowloon Gendarmes. There were civilian advisers attached. Certain advisers were attached to the Police Affairs Department, which includes the Tokko Department. Where advisers were attached to the Tokko Department, they were used as interpreters and as assistant investigators. Badges of the kind now produced in Court were worn by civilian advisers.

The third witness, G. W. Grubb, testified:

I am a Marine. I recall going with Captain Lee to arrest accused. I was present when he was taken into custody and remember a search taking place. I did not see any of the things seized. A small tissue paper parcel was found behind a picture rail in the bed-sitting room. I did not examine the parcel. Accused was the man we went to arrest.

Trial of 35

Fourth witness, Mr. Dhun Ruttonjee, stated: I was tried by the Japanese during their occupation of Hong Kong. There were about 35 others tried with me. There were three Bastos.

At this point, Mr. R. S. Smith interrupted to say that Government was in possession of records of the cases.

Continuing his evidence, Mr. Dhun Ruttonjee stated:

The evidence against Basto who was executed was that he had communicated with Macao. He was first accused of having a pack of cards and having hidden diagrams with them. After being sentenced, Basto asked the Court to give him a pack of cards and a Bridge Book and he would prove to them that the alleged code was not a code, but only a Bridge problem.

Next witness was Captain Rudy Choy, who said he was officer in charge of an Identification Parade when accused was put up for identification. There were nine persons on parade. All were dressed in black Chinese style clothing, wore black hats and shoes, as well as spectacles, because accused wore spectacles. Messrs. A. Carr, F. R. Zimmerman and Miss Leigh identified accused positively. Miss Grace Lau failed to identify accused.

After Captain Rudy Choy had left the box, Mr. R. S. Smith applied for leave to produce by way of evidence, (a) Permits to travel issued by the Japanese authorities in Hong Kong to accused, which permit bore the official seal of the Japanese Consul in Macao; (b) An identification card issued

by the Japanese Consul-General in Canton to the accused and (c) Certificate of Registration as a British Subject issued by H.B.M. Consul in Hankow to accused.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan granted the application of Mr. Smith, but rejected a similar application in respect of a photostat copy of another document.

Mr. Smith informed the Court that the Crown had applied to the Military Authorities in Japan for the return to this Colony of a Japanese Government official. It was not known whether the Military Authorities would be able to trace this official or not. Mr. Smith said he was expecting news within the next 48 hours. For all the Crown knew, the man might have died.

Inspector Donovan, Acting A.S.P., attached to the Special Branch, said that on February 19, 1946, he charged accused with High Treason by adhering to the King's enemies. He was duly cautioned in accordance with the form laid down. He elected to make the following statement:

Accused's Statement

"From paragraph six to the end of the attached Charge Sheet, I have no knowledge whatsoever of the persons named and the case no knowledge.

About the s.s. "Sai On" I only sorted out the papers and discovered papers signed by Mr. J. P. Reeves, the British Consul in Macao and took them out part of them and returned a part of them to Mr. Reeves in April 1945. That is regarding the "Sai On" case.

Regarding Mr. Basto's case I also sorted out all the papers which were given to me by the Gendarme Officer Yoshimoto and I understand Mr. Basto is on a serious charge. Then I went to interview the Catholic Bishop in Hong Kong, Father Maestri, and informed him and told him to see the Chief-of-Staff of the Governor to get assistance in order to save Mr. Basto. During April 1945 I also interviewed Father Granelli and told him about Mr. Basto's trouble. I asked him to see his way to help Mr. Basto. That is the principal interview. I also told Mr. J. P. Reeves through Mr. Williams the above cases and exactly what I am doing in the Gendarmes. Mr. Reeves quite understood my position and told me to inform him as much as I could regarding the British Internees in Stanley and the Prisoners of War in Kowloon. He expressly wanted to know the whereabouts of Dr. Selwyn Clarke as rumours in Macao during that time were that Dr. Selwyn Clarke was executed or dead and when I returned to Hong Kong in May 1945 through Mr. James MacKenzie I inform Mr. Reeves that Dr. Selwyn Clarke was alive.

"Before I left Macao I spoke to Mr. Reeves on the telephone twice and told him to be careful of his Consulate Staff as I understand the Japanese are trying to get information from them. I think that is enough."

On reading over the statement to accused, he said:

"Mr. Yoshimoto gave me Mr. Basto's papers two months after the arrest of Mr. Basto. I have no knowledge about the investigation of the case before his arrest."

Inspector Donovan further testified that after accused had read and signed the foregoing statement, he said:

"I never was a detective — only acted as temporary so-called adviser which the Japanese call 'Shokotoku' for eight months."

This last mentioned statement was also taken down in writing and handed to accused, who signed same after reading it.

The case was then formally adjourned till Monday.

VICTORY PARADE CONTINGENTS

London evening newspapers gave pictures and big headlines to the arrival last week at Southampton of the Victory Parade contingents from Malaya, Hong Kong and British Borneo which, with Ceylon, were the first contingents to arrive in England.

The men reported they had had a pleasant voyage and that all of them were well.

Representatives of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Army Council and the Air Council met the contingents.

A message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies said: "United by a common loyalty to His Majesty the King we have emerged victorious from a war in which our freedom and very survival hung in the balance. In the grim struggle we were inspired by common ideals and supported by the sacrifices and toll of all peoples of the British Commonwealth and the Empire. These are the things which brought us victory and which we shall celebrate together on June 8."

The Mayor of Southampton, wearing his robes of office and attended by the Mace Bearer, welcomed the contingents on behalf of all civilians in Britain.

He said: "We know you represent contingents which have played a very considerable part in winning the war and we have a road of your brave deeds. We know that among you are men who served in the underground army and as guerrilla fighters. Your prowess and achievements have thrilled the people of this country."

The contingents travelled to London the next day and they are being accommodated in a special camp in Kensington Gardens.

HAD NO H.K. CURRENCY

Before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Lam Leung-zee, was charged with unlawful possession of a khaki military uniform at No. 14, Whitty Street on May 9, and with evading payment of tram fare.

C.S.L. Lam applied for withdrawal of the first charge, which was granted.

An evading fare, accused stated that he had nothing but Chinese currency, having just arrived in the Colony.

He was cautioned and discharged.

The speaker at tomorrow's Rotary Club luncheon at Gloucester Building, 1st floor, is Rotarian W. J. Knight of Cable & Wireless, whose subject will be "The Cocos Islands."

Readers' Letters

Hong Kong Trade

Sir, — Bravo J.A.K.I. Once again, "Well done! One certainly marvels at the sheer audacity of those so-called influential people trying to wrangle that the poor people should bear the burden of reconstructing their properties. When communism or bolshevism is flaring up everywhere it is amazing that anyone could conceive such unfairness. To mount over such a suggestion offered the government is more than ridiculous."

Aside from the above suggestion, which makes us have a revolting feeling, let us go into the matter of Hong Kong Trade. The wealthy people are stockholders of all the Public Utilities, such as Trains, Lights, Phones, Ferries, etc. Where do the profits go to?

Why cannot the Government nationalise these and use the profits to meet Government expenses and thus alleviate the burden of the middle class?

Take for example another unimportant pre-war, if you continued to pay your house rent, the landlord was not allowed by law to increase rent or to cause eviction. Now, this year, what has Government done? "If Landlord Wants His Property for Members of His Family," he may evict tenants. Isn't this the most vivid manner of showing that Government favours the wealthy class? Any landlord generally has a lot of relatives and thus have all the trumps in his hand to kick out his tenants just when he pleases. Is such a law in any other business enterprise?

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THIRD WAR CRIMES TRIAL TOMORROW

The Colony's third war crime trial will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday before the Military Tribunal, sitting at the Jardine, Matheson godown, East Point, when Inouye Kanao, a former interpreter of the Japanese Consulate, will face three charges.

The Court will be composed of Lieut.-Col. J. C. Stewart, Department of the J.A.G. in India, (President); Major M. I. Ormsby, The West Yorkshire Regiment; and Capt. B. N. Kaul, The Frontier Force Regiment.

Prosecuting Officer will be Major G. B. Puddicombe (Barrister), Canadian Forces; and Defending Officer, Lieut. J. R. Haggan, R.E.

The charges against Inouye Kanao are:

(1) Committing a war crime in that he at Hong Kong, on or about December 21, 1942, when an interpreter in the prisoners of war camp staff at Shamshui Camp, in violation of the laws and usages of war, did assault Capt. J. A. Norris, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, Canadian Army, by beating him in full view of Canadian prisoners of war whilst they were drawn up on parade.

(2) Committing a war crime in that he, at Hong Kong, on or about December 21, 1942, when an interpreter on the P.O.W. camp staff at Shamshui Camp, in violation of the laws and usages of war, did assault Major F. T. Atkinson, Royal Rifles of Canada, by beating him in full view of the Canadian P.O.W.s whilst they were drawn up on parade.

(3) Committing a war crime in that he, at Hong Kong, between June 15 and November 30, 1944, was concerned in ill-treatment of civilian residents of Hong Kong under arrest at 67-69 Kimberley Road, Stanley Goal, and other places, resulting in the death of Mr. Power, Mr. Ip Kam-wing, Mr. So Hing-hon, Mr. Enrique Lee, and in physical suffering to others of the said persons and in particular to Mrs. M. V. Power, Mr. R. P. Chilote, Mr. V. N. Atienza, Mr. A. E. P. Guest, Mr. Madar, Mr. G. Sang, Mr. W. Lawrence, Mr. Mohd Yousif Khun, Mr. Lai Chak-po, Mr. Lam Sing and Mr. Wong "Sui-poy."

SAMPAN HAD 18 PROSTITUTES

Li Ming, sampan mistress, was yesterday convicted by Comdr. A. S. D. Ryder in the Marine Court of having on her boat, on May 16, eighteen prostitutes whom she was taking to a ship for an immoral purpose. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 or go to prison for a fortnight.

On a further charge of carrying eleven excess passengers, she was fined \$11 or a week.

81 Rawlins prosecuted.

SEQUEL TO SHOOT-UP

As a sequel to the shooting incident in the heart of the city on Saturday afternoon, two Chinese Choi Fai and Wong Shing, were brought before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The charges against the accused were armed robbery at No. 21, Connaught Road Central, possession of arms and shooting with intent.

At the request of the prosecuting officer, Detective Sub-Inspector Weeks, the case was adjourned three days, as two other men on similar charges are still in hospital.

One of the men was shot during the incident, while the other was injured when fell from a height.

Lorry Had 20 Passengers

Leung Wing-cheong and Ho Fok-lin were charged before Mr. George She yesterday with failing to comply with the provisions of a permit issued by the Traffic Department.

First accused, driver of the lorry pleaded guilty, while the owner, second defendant, denied the charge.

Major Thomas R. Mitchell said that on May 18 he was driving in Queen's Road East when he saw lorry M.A.K. 1258 parked opposite the Dockyard Main Gate. Several persons were getting on and off the truck. The lorry then moved off while he followed. Near the Hong Kong Bank, the lorry stopped. Several persons alighted.

He then spoke to the driver and indicated that the passengers must get off the lorry. Some 20 persons left the vehicle. He told accused to follow him to Central Police Station. Accused was not in possession of a M.A.K. permit. Two coolies were at the back of the truck, one in possession of a canvas bag with money.

Inspector James Hadden, of Traffic Department, said that first accused gave as an excuse that while the vehicle was parked outside a Cafe in Hennessy Road, several friends got on the truck and asked to be conveyed to Central District. The people at the back of the lorry were all friends. He did not know that a fare was collected.

Second accused, owner of the lorry, when cautioned, said the driver was not acting under his instruction. He had a permit for the lorry to convey eggs to the D. I. D. in Hong Kong.

Accused were both fined \$100, and the sum of \$38.30 found inside the canvas bag, was ordered to be placed in the "poor box."

Defence Regs. Case Adjourned

Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios, appearing for W. J. Carroll, who is charged under the Defence Regulations, objected to an application by the Crown for a further remand.

Mr. Remedios pointed out that accused had been detained in Stanley Prison for six months and the Crown had, had ample opportunity to prepare a case.

After further discussion, the case was adjourned by Mr. C. Y. Kwan until 11.30 a.m. today, when two issues, namely, (1) particulars, and (2) further remand, will be argued.

A similar adjournment was also ordered in the cases of Harry Hyndman and G. J. Grover, who were represented by Mr. B. D. Evans and Mr. Alfred Hon respectively.

ROYAL MARINES CHARGED

Charges of demanding money with menaces were preferred against Robert Norman Couper, James Shill, William Charles Richard Eddy and Frederick Troop, all of "D" Troop, 45th Commando, Royal Marines, who appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday.

The charges against the four men, who on May 18 they did with menaces, demand a sum of \$500 from Nam Ching, with intent to extort the same. All four were remanded for one week, to appear at Kowloon Court on Wednesday, May 23, at 10 a.m.

Chinese Are "Guests" In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, May 20. The Chinese in Malaya must remember that they are "guests" in the country, most respect its laws and work for its prosperity in harmony with the other residents, Mr. Wu Paak Shing, Chinese consul-general at Singapore, stated recently in an interview with the Sultan of Selangor.

Mr. Wu expressed regret over communal difficulties between Chinese and Malays in Selangor in recent months and said in his opinion they were a consequence of misunderstandings fostered by the Japanese and of economic instability following the enemy occupation.

When mutual suspicions have been allayed and the country's economic structure has been thoroughly rehabilitated, all residents of Malaya may look forward to a greater measure of prosperity than the country has ever known before, Dr. Wu asserted.

During the consul-general's visit to Selangor, organisations to improve inter-communal reformer trouble spots, but in many communities he found the situation so improved as to make such organised efforts towards harmony unnecessary, he said.

Disputes and rivalry between Chinese and Malays last autumn threatened to become a major post-war problem for Malaya's British administrators, who have expressed appreciation of Dr. Wu's efforts to eliminate friction between these two large blocs of the country's population.—Associated Press.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

TUESDAY, 21st MAY.

Airmail for Shanghai only (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Bangkok (Edna) 10.00 a.m.
Manila, P.I. (Windermere Park) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Wingsun) 11.00 a.m.
Airmail for Chungking and Kunming (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY.
Canton (Fatsan) 9.00 a.m.
Formosa (Tak On) 10.00 a.m.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.
Straits (Anhui) 2.00 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok and Saigon (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 23rd MAY.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Straits (Samsur) 10.00 a.m.
Hohow (Wing Lee) 10.00 a.m.
Saigon and Bangkok (Mongolia) 3.00 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy (Van Hentz) 3.00 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Chungking and Kunming (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 8.15 p.m. (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 24th MAY.

Canton (Sal On) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Fengten) 10.00 a.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.
Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver, B.C. (Empire Gunlett) (Parcelle) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai (Myrtlebank) 3.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 25th MAY.

Airmail for Shanghai only (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via London (Glenapp) (Parcelle) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Manila, P.I. (Louis Lykes) 5.00 p.m.
Straits (Helsing) 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai (Hanyang) 5.00 p.m.
Manila, P.I. (Reg. Lykes) 5.15 p.m.
Australia via Sydney (Kelpah) (Parcelle) 5.15 p.m. (Reg.) 5.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5.45 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE POLICE INSPECTOR

A POLICE INSPECTOR GAVE EVIDENCE AT KOWLOON COURT YESTERDAY OF HAVING BEEN APPROACHED BY A CHINESE DRESSED IN EUROPEAN CLOTHING, SPEAKING ENGLISH, WHO ASKED HIM TO "LAY OFF" A CASE.

He was told by this man, Inspector Collins of the Water Police stated, that two police sergeants were in trouble and if he would "lay off" a charge against a boatmistress, arrested in connection with a police seizure of rice believed illegally obtained, the allegations against the two sergeants would not be pressed.

"I told him to go back to whoever had sent him and that the offence was complete whatever allegations were made," Insp. Collins said. "I have not seen the man again and he is not in Court."

Insp. Collins was giving evidence in the case against Cheng Sam, 37, mistress of Class II boat No. 119V, charged with having stolen 1,300 catties of rice from the s.s. "Samsur" on May 2.

Mr. R. S. Smith appeared for the Crown, while defendant was represented by Mr. D. H. Blake.

On information Chan Sau, detective sergeant attached to Tsimshatsui Station, said that on May 2 he had gone to the Typhoon Shelter, Mongkok, acting on information received, where he saw rice being unloaded from a small boat. A man called Lo Tai acknowledged the rice as his.

The following day he went to Saiyingpoo with Lo Tai and another man and Detective Sergeant Tse Ying, where Lo Tai had pointed out boat No. 119V. This had been hailed and accused came ashore and offered to take the two detectives to her master. The master could not be found and Accused was brought to the station.

Det. Sergt. Tse Ying gave evidence that accused told him she had sold 10 bags of rice at \$90 a bag. In reply to a question from Mr. Blake, he denied having hit the accused before she made the admission.

Ho Shuk-wing, of the Wang Kee Co., stevedores, said that boat No. 119V was among the craft engaged in unloading Government rice from the s.s. "Samsur" on May 2 and conveying it to the China Provident Godown at West Point. Altogether 604 bags of rice were unloaded, of which 206 were broken. Witness admitted the possibility of leakage from the broken bags.

Government Rice Jose Noronha, Kowloon representative, Rice Control, said that on May 3 he was asked to go to the Water Police Station where he had examined some rice and identified it as Government-imported Bangkok rice.

Chan Wai-ming, police interpreter said that he had explained the charge to the accused at Tsimshatsui Police Station and she had replied, "I admit the charge."

At this stage, Mr. Blake asked for an adjournment to permit him time to prepare the defence. This was granted to Tuesday, May 28, at 2.30 p.m.

IMPERSONATED A POLICE OFFICER

For impersonating a Police Officer, Yip Hak-kim, 22, was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Fleming, prosecuted said accused hired a bicycle from the Ambassadors Ballroom, West Point, to Des Voeux Road Central. On arrival at his destination, accused told the driver that he was a Chinese detective, and did not pay the fare.

The driver made a report to No. 7 Police Station, and gave a description of the accused, who was eventually arrested in Peel Street while under the influence of liquor.

Accused failed to appear when his case was called on Friday last, but he gave himself up at the Station on Saturday.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE

On a charge of armed robbery, Wong Leung, 28, unemployed, was committed by Mr. Horace Lo at Kowloon Court yesterday to stand trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Accused is alleged to have participated in a robbery at the "Wing Barber Shop" at 588, Shanghai Street on the evening of Feb. 20.

Evidence was given that about 7.30 p.m. on Feb. 20 he was leaving his hair cut at the shop. As he was being cut, three other men came in. Accused is alleged to have joined them in robbing the premises.

Traffic Jam On U.S. Railways

New York, May 20. Major eastern railroads fought their way out of a gigantic traffic jam caused when local unions failed to receive orders to delay the strike for five days.

The orders finally arrived two and a half hours late, resulting in the communication services under the Hudson river between New York and New Jersey coming to a complete halt.

Train service was as much as eight hours late. Pennsylvania and Grand Central stations were filled with impatient weary crowds, dwindling later as belated trains got under way.—Associated Press.

Talks Resume

Washington, May 20. The Railway Brotherhood leaders returned to the Capitol Sunday for a hurried resumption of the talks with the railroad officials. An earlier wide-spread false strike start gave many sections of the nation a brief, bitter foretaste of the threatened rail walkout now scheduled for Thursday.

Optimism over a possible settlement ran high as wage rise negotiations were taken over by John Steelman, president Truman's Labour adviser. It was Steelman who did the spadework for the 11th hour presidential intervention Saturday which brought about the strike's postponement.—Associated Press.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM HAINAN

The first batch of Chinese workers for repatriation from Hainan were taken on board H.M. Hospital Ship "Empire Clyde" at Yulin during Sunday and yesterday.

It is estimated that there are 2,000 Chinese labourers at Yulin. This number includes 250 sick cases and 250 persons suffering from malnutrition who were first to be embarked.

Doctors and medical staff were also taken to Yulin on board H.M.S. "Whimbrell" and the first party of refugees received immediate medical attention. This first batch is expected to total 400 men, 100 women and 100 children.

It is believed that other refugees are concentrating at Holhow, including a further 500 sick cases, and the situation is being investigated.

The hospital ship will sail from Yulin for Hong Kong today.

OPIUM DEN

"This offence brings ruin not only to yourself, but to others as well," said Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when a young woman, Lai Ying, was charged with keeping an opium den at No. 9, Kwong Yuen Street West.

Chinese Sub-Inspector H. C. Hui said that the premises were raided by virtue of a general warrant. Four lamps, three pipes and several pots of opium were seized.

A fine of \$750 was imposed, and the property seized was ordered to be confiscated.

PICKPOCKET SEEN AT WORK

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed on Mak King, by Mr. George She yesterday, for stealing \$1,000 in Chinese currency from Ho Yuen-fat, in Des Voeux Road West on Saturday.

Witnesses extracting the money from complainant's pocket.

U.S. Facing Most Critical Week

New York, May 20.

The United States faces one of the most critical weeks in its economic history, with two labour disputes either of which could quickly paralyze the entire nation.

Railways and coal—both indispensable because most trains use coal and practically all coal is moved by trains—are the two grave problems which must be solved this week.

The present truce in both industries, through President Truman's last minute efforts, brings about a five-day postponement, but before official word reached the strikers, many of the country's 321 railroads were threatened with confusion.

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Govt. Troops Capture Szeplingkal

Nanking, May 20.

Szeplingkal, Chinese Communist stronghold barring the advance of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces toward Changchun, 70 miles to the north-east, fell to the National First Army today after a punishing 32-day battle. Government despatches reported today.

From his headquarters in Mukden, General Tu Li-ming, Government Commander in Manchuria, announced Szeplingkal's capture after a struggle into which the Government threw some of its finest troops. Lieutenant-General Sun Li-jen, famed for his campaign in Burma, hurried back from his visit to the United States and reached the front on May 19 in time to lead his United States equipped army in the concluding assault.

Communist sources, while not conceding the loss of Szeplingkal, said the First Army brought up two fresh divisions which went over to attack the railway city on May 15. The same sources said that six successive assaults were repulsed the first day.—Associated Press.

Family Life For Servicemen

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He asked what the Government could do to meet this problem, for it seemed to him in their planning they were too concerned with material things and overlooked the intangible.

Viscount Bridgeman suggested that the main channels for improvements should be in leave, mail, welfare organisations and accommodation for wives. Welfare had been built up during the war and he asked for an assurance that it would be included in the planning of the post-war service.

Lord Mancroft said soldiers should have family life equal to civilians. Many barracks were out of date. Lord Selkirk urged provision of small communities at the naval ports.

Quoting from his experience as a services welfare officer, Lord Calverley said Britain had done a wonderful job in Army welfare and saved many marriages.

Government Plan

Full Family Amenities Lord Nathan, replying to the debate, said he hoped that after the war this problem would not be so serious, as in the Army of the future a soldier would normally complete his overseas tour before marriage, unless he married unusually young.

The Government had a programme to build thousands of married quarters in addition to those existing before the war, though it might take ten years to complete. A thousand married quarters were now building in this country and others were being reconducted. They would have full civilian standards of accommodation, with schools and other amenities.

The three Services were fully alive to the need for reducing separation of men from their families. The ban on B.A.O.R.

PEARLS

Tokyo, May 20. Attempting to stop illegal dealing in pearls, Allied Headquarters today suspended all retail sales of these jewels by all except authorized dealers. The Japanese were warned that the ban would be strictly enforced and that punitive action faced violators.—Associated Press.

EAST RIVER EVACUATION

Canton, May 20.

Three sub-teams of Field Team No. 8 will set out shortly for the East River area to supervise the concentration and evacuation of 2,400 armed Communist personnel to Chefoo, Major-General Wang Hong, military spokesman revealed.

General Wang disclosed that Yen-an and Peiping have decided to abide by the evacuation plan formulated by Colonel J. Hart Caughey, staff officer under General George C. Marshall. The spokesman also confirmed reports of looting along the East River and North Kwangtung by bandits. He admitted that Government troops "were checking them."

The Communists have withdrawn the demand made a short time ago; that recognition of their armed personnel in the East River area be increased from 2,400 to 4,000, said General Wang.—Associated Press.

NEW JAPANESE CABINET

Tokyo, May 20.

A last minute acceptance of portfolios by ministers for home affairs and agriculture enabled Shigeru Yoshida, appointed Japanese Prime Minister five days ago, to form a cabinet today. The cabinet is constituted as follows:

Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Shigeru Yoshida (Liberal); Home Minister, Seiichi Ohmura (Non-Party); Minister of Finance, Ichihashi Tanzan (Liberal); Minister of Commerce, Jiro Hoshijima (Liberal); Minister of Transport, Tamejiro Hirasutaka (Liberal); Welfare Minister, Yosei Kawaji (Progressive); Minister of Justice, Ichusio Iwata (Non-Party); Minister of Education, Professor Tanaka (Non-Party); Minister of Agriculture, Professor Hiroshi Nara (Non-Party); Ministers without portfolio, Baron Kijiro Shidehara (Progressive), Suniro Uehara (Liberal), B. Saito and Iekichi Hitozumatsu (Liberal).

It is understood that General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, has approved these ministers, who are expected to go to the Imperial Palace tomorrow to be formally invested.—Reuter.

personnel meeting their families in Paris or Brussels had been removed, and of 3,394 applications, by families for an overseas "tour," 2,636 had been granted and 1,235 had embarked.

Lord Elton thanked the Government for the encouraging reply, and withdrew his motion.

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Public Works Department

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RED ARMY OUT OF IRAN

Correspondent's First Story From Tabriz

Some Doubt About Equipment

(The following is the first dispatch from Tabriz by Joseph Goodwin, the first Western correspondent to enter the Azerbaijan capital after its four years of Soviet occupation and six months of Azerbaijan rebel rule.)

TABRIZ, MAY 20.
ALL RED ARMY TROOPS HAVE COMPLETELY EVACUATED IRAN, BUT FOREIGN OBSERVERS HERE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT ALL THE RUSSIAN EQUIPMENT AND ARMOUR BROUGHT INTO AZERBAIJAN HAS BEEN REMOVED.

MOST OF THE SOVIET TROOPS CROSSED THE BORDER INTO RUSSIA BY MAY 6 AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT FROM THE MIANDUAB-MARACHE AREA HAD REACHED THE USSR BY MAY 3, BUT WELL-INFORMED SOURCES SAID TODAY THAT SOME ARMOUR MOVED SOUTH, AND WAS NOT SEEN RETURNING.

Meanwhile, Tabriz radio an-up and new paving laid. Trees are being planted along the main thoroughfares and the sewage system is being renovated.

The peasants are being given grants of land, and the women almost all of them veiled have been given the vote and a voice in the government. Some of the women wear the uniform of

This capital of Azerbaijan today looks like an armed camp. Every second man is in uniform or carrying a rifle. Troops with Tommy guns swarm around the airport and patrol the streets.

Men of the regular army marched in review on Saturday at a ceremony in which the statue of the former Reza Shah was replaced with one of Squatar Khan, an early Azerbaijan revolutionist.

This army, only 3 months old, was followed by a bandoliered party of warriors and Azerbaijan youths, including goose-stepping small boys carrying hand-made wooden Tommy-guns and ammunition pouches.

Liberal Programme
The Pishavari Government is calling for a peaceful settlement of its differences with the Central Iranian Government in Teheran. The newspapers and the radio constantly say that a friendly settlement is possible, if the Azerbaijan "liberal programme is retained."

The Army and the Azerbaijan warriors, however, are preparing for any eventuality. Uniformed units have been moving along the Southern border of the province, and it is reported here that the Iranian army is moving North along the Caspian Sea and into Southern Kurdistan. Inside Tabriz, Iran's second city, a public improvement programme is being carried out. The old cobbled streets are being torn

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NO CUTS
Herford, May 20.
German ration scales in the British zone for the next four weeks period will remain unchanged although stocks of food are running dangerously low, the British Military Government announced on Sunday.—Associated Press.

The Army Auxiliary Corps.—Associated Press.

Consul Warned
Teheran, May 18 (Delayed)
Tabriz radioed tonight that the American consul there had been told that he could tour Azerbaijan if he wished but the Azerbaijan government would not be responsible for the consequences.

The Consul asked Jafar Pishavari, head of the unrecognized Azerbaijan national government, for authority for the tour to determine the truth of Soviet evacuations scheduled for completion on May 6.

The broadcast said that P. Hevari, central government commissioner, who was charged to ascertain the facts of the evacuation, termed the American investigation unnecessary. He said no obstacle would be placed in his way, however.—Associated Press.

Large-Scale Clash In China Reported

NANKING, MAY 20.
CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST SOURCES YESTERDAY REPORTED THAT FIGHTING IN THE NORTH CHINA PROVINCES OF SHANTUNG, HOPEI AND JEHOL IS MERGING INTO A LARGE-SCALE CONFLICT ALTHOUGH THE TRUCE HEADQUARTERS AND FIELD TEAMS WITH AMERICAN MEMBERS WERE WORKING URGENTLY TRYING TO HALT OR MINIMIZE THE CLASHES.

A Central News Agency dispatch said that a supplemental agreement reached in Shantung is giving hopes that the government can save Tsinan, the provincial capital, but its effectiveness is still to be determined.

The Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration said the Communists had promised to help repair the Yellow River dykes which were destroyed when the river was diverted in 1938 in order to halt a Japanese advance. The project is intended to restore the vast flooded wheat-lands to production.

Jehol Clash
Central News Agency dispatches from Peiping and Chinghsien said the Communist 17th brigade opened an attack on a 200-mile front in Jehol and captured Pongiao, a coal mining centre, in a midnight assault. The aim is said to be annihilation of the Government's 13th Army. The area adjoins the Communist-held portions of Manchuria and contains the Peiping-Changchun railway, which is a vital link between China Proper and the Manchurian interior.

The Government news agency dispatches said 10,000 Communists are attacking the Tsinan-Tsingtao railway in Shantung and two other towns 20 miles east of Tsinan which itself is described as threatened from three directions and as without electricity for three days.

Government army headquarters at Nanking doubt if the Communists have any strong force anywhere near the places reported.—Associated Press.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH REVIEWS RANGERS
London, May 20.
Princess Elizabeth today reviewed 8,000 sea, land and air Rangers in the open spaces of London's Hyde Park.

Before the march past of the blue-uniformed girls, the Princess extended her best wishes to all Rangers of the British Empire represented at the parade.—Reuter.

ANTONESCU AIDES ARRESTED
—Bucharest, May 20.
Twenty-nine former Ministers and other government officials during the Nazi occupation have been arrested by order of the People's Tribunal which sentenced the former Premier, Antonescu, to death for treason. It was announced yesterday.—Associated Press.

Newbury, Berks, May 20.
Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the next Chief of the British Imperial Staff, today unveiled memorials to three British Army officers who were killed in the war, at a ceremony in the Buzbuz church near here.—Reuter.

NEW IRAN CHIEF OF STAFF

Teheran, May 20.
General Amanollah Jahanbani, one of Iran's foremost Russophiles, has been appointed Chief-of-Staff of the Iranian Army, it was announced here yesterday.

The appointment came shortly after a public attack by the Prime Minister, Quavam es Sultaneh, on certain foreign "malevolent elements."

In his attack, Quavam said: "Those persons who wish to fish in troubled waters, who run incessantly to their Embassies and incite intrigues and provocations, ignore the fact that no foreign government has the right to interfere in Iranian internal affairs."

Quavam promised: "In order to safeguard the higher interests of the country, I will exterminate without pity all malevolent elements like pestiferous insects."

General Jahanbani succeeds General Aghajani, who was injured in an Anglo-Soviet detention camp during the war.

General Jahanbani, a Prince of the former Kajar dynasty, and trained in Russia as a Cossack officer, married a Russian who was at one time Lady-in-Waiting at the Iranian Court. His son, Nadir, is a student in Moscow.—Associated Press.

U.S.-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS

Cairo, May 20.
Musta El Said Pasha, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, stated on Sunday night that negotiations between the Egyptian and the American authorities concerning the purchase of American installations in Egypt were nearly completed.

Mr. Pinkney Tuck, the American Minister in Egypt, conferred with the Prime Minister, Ismail Sidky Pasha, concerning the negotiations.—Associated Press.

GI'S DEPARTING
London, May 20.
By July, the only United States military personnel left in Britain will be for graves registration and 150 troops on leave each week from the Continent.

More than 3,000,000 United States troops have passed through Britain since the first convoy arrived in January, 1942.—Reuter.

POLISH ARRESTS

London, May 20.
Moscow radio said on Sunday night that an underground movement, whose members were to attack Government offices "has been uncovered in Poland. Twenty-seven persons have been arrested," the report said, quoting a Tass dispatch from Warsaw.

"The organisation received arms and orders from the Polish emigrant circles in London," the radio accused.—Associated Press.

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U.S. LOAN TO
PHILIPPINES

Washington, May 20.
A proposal to lend the Philip-
pines \$400,000,000 is expected
to come before Congress with-
in a matter of days. Approval
is expected without long debate.
Numerous legislators declared
for "loan of convenience" to
provide the new independent
island government with work-
ing capital until revenues flow.
Presidential support is expect-
ed.—Associated Press.

TRADE DECLINE

Washington, May 19.
The Department of Com-
merce today reported that the
decline in trade with Britain
and Russia has helped to cause
a decline of \$203,000,000 in
total United States exports and
imports during February as
compared with the previous
month.—Associated Press.

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Sir John Boyd Orr's
Food Warning

Washington, May 20.

Grain exporting nations affiliated with the Food and Agri-
culture Organisation will be called on to make the
1947 harvest "the biggest in history," Sir John Boyd
Orr, the Organisation's Director-General disclosed in a
press statement today.

He said that 18 members of the FAO who are convening
tomorrow for a week's conference, must recognise that
1946 harvest even on the most favourable assumptions,
would not eliminate the urgent need for a concrete
long-term international programme to restore the
world to pre-war diet levels.

U.S. BUSINESS
STATISTICS

New York, May 19.

Slow recovery was in pro-
gress in some lines of business
last week while the recurring
labour crisis held others in-
check.

The temporary suspension of
the soft coal strike brought
relief to many places but in-
dustry as such got little be-
cause the output was car-
marked.

Steel mills curtailed opera-
tions further to 48.9 per cent,
of capacity against 58.7 the pre-
vious week.

Crude Oil production increas-
ed to an average of 4,748,700
barrels daily, which was up 27-
000 barrels compared with the
previous week.

Freight carloadings increased
13,000 to 684,942 while the
automobile output dropped to
below 50,000 from the revised
total of 71,335 units in the pre-
vious week.

The N.Y. stock market re-
mained glued to the recent nar-
row pattern but split-ups and
dividend earnings aided indi-
vidual shares.

Government Bonds continued
in a recovery vein.
Stock sales on the New York
Stock Exchange totalled 5,947-
490 shares for the week, com-
pared with 7,426,890 shares a
week earlier, while Bond sales
were \$18,671,500 compared with
\$22,279,400 in the previous
week.—Associated Press.

Predicting that the food
shortages will continue for at
least two years, and that
stability may not be achieved
for four or five years, Sir John
declared: "The conference must
decide what kind of organiza-
tion is needed to carry out the
programme of production and
allocation through the period of
danger."

He said decisions must now
be reached on how best to con-
serve and distribute equitably
the harvest—how much for
animal and how much for direct
human consumption—and to
establish production "for pre-
sent and potential exporting
countries."

The statement pointed out
that the countries like India and
Poland, if given fertiliser and
implements, could make a great
contribution to the world sup-
ply; that others like Hungary
and Rumania must similarly be
restored to their former status
of exporting nations.

Sir John asserted the need
for "a permanent food policy"
on an international plane was
underscored by the fact that the
present stepped up production
of the United States, Canada
and the United Kingdom, if
continued indefinitely, might,
by 1948 or 1949—when the
other countries resumed export-
ing—make the bottom drop out
of the international market and
precipitate another economic de-
pression such as followed World
War I.—Reuter.

SHIPPING
MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

Yesterday:—S.S. Erica Mol-
ler, U.S.S. Parks from Hainan,
H.M.S. Hart from Macao,
H.M.S. Bonaventure from Aus-
tralia and H.M.S. Contest from
exercise.

Scheduled Arrivals

Today:—H.M.S. Armada
from Saigon, S.S. Deviken, S.S.
Empire Tavooy from Kure, S.S.
Van Heutz from Singapore,
U.S.S. Typhoon, U.S.S. Nemas-
ket, H.M.S. Liberty from trials
and S.S. Hickory Glen from ex-
ercises.

Tomorrow:—U.S.S. George
from Guam, S.S. Samdant from
Singapore and H.M.S. Trodday
and Orsay from Vereker Bank.

Departures

Yesterday:—H.M.S. Lagos,
Contest, Cockade, Constance,
Cossack for exercises, R.F.A.
Ranger for Yokohama, H.M.S.
Tyne to Mira Bay for exercises,
H.M.S. Swiftsure for Singa-
pore, U.S.S. Adria and U.S.
LST's 452 and 665.

Scheduled Departures

Today:—S.S. Hickory Glen
to exercises, H.M.S. Liberty for
trials, H.M.S. Armada and
H.M.S. Contest for exercises
and H.M.S. Crane for Kure.

STEEL EARNINGS

Cleveland, May 19.

Earnings of 17 leading steel
producers in the first quarter of
1946 dropped 52.8 per cent be-
low that of the 1945 period,
the magazine "Steel" reported
today. The total was the
lowest in many years with six
companies showing losses.

The steel strike during Janu-
ary and February is blamed for
much of the drop.

Steel ingot production last
week continued its decline
falling 6½ points to 49 per cent
of capacity.—Associated Press.

COAL SHORTAGE

Washington, May 19.

The Solid Fuels Administra-
tion today estimated the coal
strike has reduced the soft coal
production by 75,000,000 tons.
Only about 470,000 tons were
mined during the week ending
May 11, the 6th week of the
strike, less than half of the out-
put as compared with the week
ending May 12 last year.—As-
sociated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

Doubling solely on length in the
trump suit is a very unwise prac-
tice.

For example:
West, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
East-West part score of 60

S. Q 8 2
N. A 10 7 2
D —
C. A J 8 6 4 2
S. J 10
N. H. J 9 8 4 3
D. 9 8 5 4
C. Q K 10
S. 7 5
N. K Q 8 6
D. K Q J 7 3 2
C. 5

The bidding:
West North East South
1S 2C Pass 2D
2S Pass Pass 3H
3S 4H Dbl. Pass
Pass Pass

West opened the King of spades
and then shifted to a low club.
Dummy took the second trick with
the Ace of clubs, and South did
a little thinking. What did West
hold to justify a vulnerable open-
ing bid and free rebid? To begin
with, he held the Ace-King of
spades; at most one of the high
honours in clubs (since with both
the King and Queen he would
hardly have led a low club at the
second trick). Hence West was
marked with the Ace of diamonds
to fill out a hand of respectable
proportions.

Then what could East have for
his double? One or both club
honours, and no other high cards!
Hence East must have all the
missing trumps to give him even
a bad excuse for the double.
With this analysis as his guide,
South wasted no time on plans
to establish either hand and draw
trumps. Trumps, as he well
knew, could not be drawn, so a
cross-ruff was the only sensible
plan. At the third trick he re-
turned a low club from the
dummy and ruffed in his own
hand. Next the diamond King
was led, and West's Ace was
ruffed in dummy.

Another club was led from dum-
my and East discarded a low dia-
mond, while South ruffed. Then
South cashed the Queen and Jack
of diamonds, discarding spades
from dummy; after which he
could lead his remaining spade
and ruff in dummy. From there
on it was easy to win ten tricks.

Yesterday you were Oswald
Jacoby's partner and, with nei-
ther side vulnerable, you held:

S 8 5 4
H A 7 3 2
D A 9 4 3
C 10 6

The bidding:

Jacoby, Schenken You Moler

1D Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid one heart. You
will not play the hand at hearts
unless your partner has four-card
support, and in that case the suit
will be quite satisfactory even
though your holding looks pretty
weak. This one-over-one re-
sponse, besides showing the hearts,
gives the bidding maximum flexi-
bility.

Score 100 per cent for one
heart, 40 per cent for two dia-
monds.

Question

Today you hold the same hand,
and the bidding continues:
Jacoby, Schenken You Moler
1D Pass 1H 2C
2S Pass (7)
What do you bid? (Answer
Tomorrow).

YEN INFLATION

Tokyo, May 20.

Total Yen in circulation soar-
ed to 31,972,000,000—nearly
tripling the number of the new
Yen issued in March, according
to the Kyodo news agency to-
day. Yen has had a turbulent
history since the war began.—
Associated Press.

U.S. RECORD

New York, May 19.

Consumer spending in April
set a new record for that month
advancing 30 per cent over
April last year, said Dun's Re-
view, the trade barometer for the
United States.—Associated
Press.

FILM PROFITS

New York, May 19.

Columbia Pictures' Coopera-
tion today reported for 80 weeks
ending May 30 a net profit of
\$2,515,000, equal to the pre-
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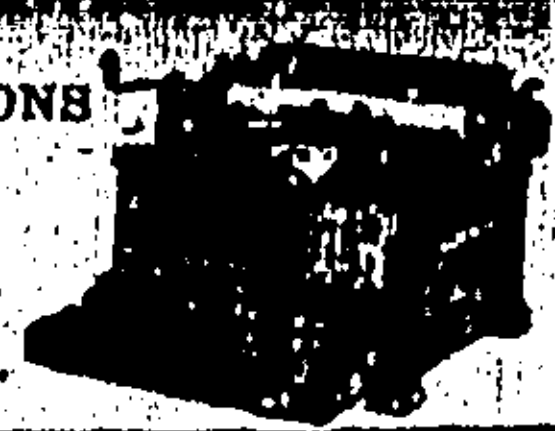
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Dachau, May 20.
The prosecution at the trial of 74 Nazi officers and men charged with the slaying of unarmed American prisoners during the "Battle of the Bulge" read into the record today a statement that the Germans were ordered to ignore all scruples and human feelings.

The statement, alleged to have been made by Captain Oskar Klingelhoefer (one of the defendants), said the first S. Panzer regiment received the following orders:
"Ahead of us there shall be terror and horror. We should remember in this fight specially the children that have suffered tremendously during bombing attacks and suffered great misery. Therefore, all scruples and human feelings shall be thrown overboard. No prisoners of war will be taken."—Associated Press.

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- 1.10 p.m.—Classical Organ Selections.
- 1.30 p.m.—Eileen Joyce (Piano) and Maurice Strakosky (Soprano).
- 2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
- 6.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
- 7.10 p.m.—Songs from the Shows.
- 7.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes—Orchestra.
- 7.45 p.m.—Melody Lingers On—ENSA.
- 8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
- 8.15 p.m.—Frank Sinatra, Dinah Shore and The Ink Spots in Variety.
- 9.15 p.m.—Old Tunes in Swings.
- 9.35 p.m.—Community Singing with Orchestral Interludes.
- 10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
- 10.05 p.m.—De Gruy's Trio & Orchestra with Stuart Robertson (Bass Baritone).
- 10.30 p.m.—London Relay—Tommy Handley in "ITMA."
- 11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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London, May 20.
No English boy or girl clever enough to win a University scholarship will, in future, be deprived of the chance of a higher education for financial reasons, under a scheme announced today.
Sponsored by Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the tiny, red-haired Education Minister who was known as "Red Ellen" in her Cambridge University days, the plan makes the state responsible for financing the University-training of able children where this is necessary.

British Plans To Capture Eastern Markets

Sydney, May 20.
The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. J. D. Chifley, today said that the capture of the growing eastern markets as well as supplying Australia's own needs was envisaged by British industries, which proposed to set up subsidiaries in Australia.

Interviewed here on his return from a world flight during which he visited Britain, the United States and Japan, Mr. Chifley declared that British industrial leaders in many fields, including textiles, rayons and engineering, were ready to establish such companies.

The transfer of British industries was closely related to problems of Empire defence in the Pacific but to some extent still hinged on the settlement of double taxation.

Mr. Chifley said that in talks with President Truman there had been no reference to Pacific bases nor had he or the President broached the subject of a conference of nations interested in the settlement of Pacific affairs.—Reuter.

Two Die In Rangoon Riot

Rangoon, May 20.
Two people were killed and five injured when the police fired on a procession of several thousands of people demonstrating against the arrest of members of the "People's Volunteer Organisation" at Tatabin. There were some women in the procession which took place on Saturday. A number of arrests have been made.

The arrest by the Burmese Government of members of the "People's Volunteer Organisation" was discussed today at a meeting between General Aung San, President of the Anti-Fascist League and organiser of the People's Volunteer Organisation, and the Governor, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith. The meeting lasted 45 minutes and will be continued tomorrow.

General Aung San alleged last weekend that 65 members of his People's Volunteer Organisation had been arrested for performing military drill with dummy rifles and bamboo. Thirty-five have been imprisoned for terms ranging from six to eighteen months, he said. He declared that the situation was serious and that the Government would be blamed if trouble developed.

The Supreme Council of the Anti-Fascist League, has vested full powers in the Executive Committee to make necessary preparations for launching a freedom struggle should it become necessary. It has also appointed a Standing Committee to co-ordinate such preparations and has decided to launch a freedom fund and a million membership drive.

The Council called on the Governor and British Government to summon immediately a conference of the principal political leaders for consultation

At present many winners of scholarships open to competition by all comers, have to look around for other grants to supplement their income. Only the richest of these grants—the State scholarships which provide for the payment of tuition fees and a maintenance grant of up to £100 annually—are sufficient to keep the poorer children during their years at the University.

From the beginning of the next academic year, some time in Autumn, this is to be different. Anyone winning an open University scholarship or exhibition—a kind of second-class scholarship—will be entitled to a Ministry of Education grant to help cover all fees and maintenance.

Oxford scholarships, to take an example, are usually worth £100 annually, with exhibitions worth about £70. In the early years of the war, Oxford University authorities calculated that a student needed at least £225 a year to cover college and university fees as well as his living expenses all the year round.

Since then prices have, if anything, risen, but Universities fees have not.

Official Estimates

Though today's statement made no estimate of what the student's annual expenditure would be, it stated that parents with an annual net income of less than £500 a year would in future need to make no contribution towards the University education of their scholarship-winning children.

But £20 will annually be expected from parents in the next income category—up to £750 a year. From parents in the income class up to £1,000 a year, £30 will be expected. Only if parental income exceeds £1,500 will there be no State assistance. It was estimated that the Ministry would, under this scheme, help between 1,500 and 1,600 entrants to the Universities each year, apart from paying the 360 States scholarships.

By 1949 it was calculated, the total expenditure on the plan will reach £300,000. This compares with £520,000 being spent now on State scholarships and wartime grants intended to increase the number of engineers and other specialists.—Reuter.

ROBBED BY BRITISH SAILORS

Sebastian Souza, of 420, Lockhart Road, has reported to the Police that at 11.15 p.m. on Sunday he was robbed by three British sailors.

He had just reached the corner of Penwick and Hennessey Roads when the three men came up. One of them seized him by the wrist and forcibly removed his wrist watch. They then fled.

Quetta, May 20.
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on the formation of a national government.
The Council demanded a general election to be held within six months, and also urged the repeal of the Burma Act and emergency laws.—Reuter.

Easy Paced Wicket

Leicester, May 20.
The Indian tourists continued their batting this morning in their three-day match against Leicester, which started on Saturday last.

On the first day of play, the Indians, who were sent in to bat by Leicestershire on a wet wicket, could only bat for 77 minutes and there was a delay of four hours in starting owing to heavy rain.

Merchant (54 not out) and Hazare continued this morning on an easy paced wicket and carried the score to 124 before Hazare was bowled by Jackson for 27 runs.

Jackson's next victim was Amarnath, who scored only 16 when his wicket fell, the score being three for 162.

Nayudu then came in but did not stay long. He was caught by Howard off Prentice for six runs.

Merchant and Hafeez then carried the score to 197 at lunch time. (Merchant not out 111 and Hafeez not out 18).—Reuter.

CALL-OVERS

London, May 20.
Victoria Club call-overs on the Derby today were: 5 to 1 Happy Knight, 7 to 1 Khaled, 17 to 2 Radiotherapy, 10 to 1 Edward Tudor, 100 to 8 White Jacket, all taken and offered, 18 to 1 Fast and Fair offered 20 to 1 taken. 20 to 1 Peterborough offered 22 to 1 taken, 33 to 1 Nigral offered 40 to 1 Sky High, 50 to 1 Royal Commission, both taken and offered. 50 to 1 Aldis Lamp and Starway, and 66 to 1 Neapolitan, all offered.

"Happy Knight, the favourite for the race, was in great demand in spite of his recent inactivity following a chill. But having recommenced training, Happy Knight remained firm favourite and is backed to win £25,000 at 5 to 1.

There was also plenty of support for Lord Derby's two horses, particularly Sky High, which was backed to win £24,000 at 40 to 1, while Gulf Stream, one-time favourite for the event, was backed to win £13,000 at 19 to 2.

Others supported included Khaled to win £12,000, Radiotherapy £12,000, Edward Tudor £11,000, Peterborough £4,000 and Royal Commission £3,000.—Reuter.

London, May 20.
Jack Solomons, boxing promoter, announces that the fight between "Ernie" Roderick, British welterweight, and Omar Koudici, French, at Harringay Stadium on June 4 will be over 15 rounds for the welterweight championship of Europe. It will be the main supporting bout to the Bruce Woodcock and Freddie Mills non-title heavyweight contest.—Reuter.

Around The World

Stockholm, May 20.
A Swedish trade delegation, headed by Holf Solhman, will leave for Moscow shortly for commercial and financial talks.—Reuter.

Alexandria, May 20.
Riots broke out here late today following an accident in which a British lorry was involved. Three Egyptians were injured in the accident.—Reuter.

Rio de Janeiro, May 20.
The Brazilian government yesterday took over the Leopoldina railway, a British-owned important suburban line, which has been idle through a strike.—Associated Press.

Dar Es Salaam, May 20.
The Tanganyika Government today issued a warning that the strongest action would be taken against black market offenders. The black market has become particularly active among small traders dealing in essential foods in the African quarters of Dar Es Salaam.—Reuter.

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Two hundred new food processing factories, including sugar refineries and canneries, will shortly be in full production in White Russia, Moscow radio said today. Reviewing the aspects of Soviet food output, the broadcaster added that the rehabilitation of the industry was going ahead fast. Kazakhstan, he said, expected to process a record-breaking 200,000 tons of sugar this year.—Reuter.

U.S. Baseball

New York, May 20.
Ed Houser shut out the Brooklyn Dodgers to give the Cincinnati Reds a 4 to 0 victory in National League play Sunday.

Home runs by Andy Parko and Bill Nicholson with two out in the seventh enabled the Chicago Cubs to defeat Boston 8 to 0 in the first game of their double-header but the Braves won the second game 6 to 3. Erickson was the winning pitcher in the opener and Lee was credited with the victory in the nightcap.

Fritz Ostermuller handed the New York Giants their sixth consecutive defeat, Pittsburgh winning 3 to 1 in the first game.

Second game home runs by Buddy Kerr and Billy Riggs each with a man on base gave the Giants a 5 to 1 victory to even the series.

The St. Louis Cardinals carried Max Lanier to his sixth victory, defeating the Phillies in the first game 9 to 5 with Johnny Wyrostek garnering a two run homer.

The Cardinals also won the second game, 4 to 0. Stan Musial's homer gave Cardinal Pitcher Harry Brecheen a one run lead in the fourth and the St. Louis hurler was never in trouble thereafter.

In the American League the Washington Senators came from behind, scoring two runs in the ninth for a first game 4 to 3 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Buddy Rosar broke a tie with a one run single in the eighth inning to give the Philadelphia Athletics a 4 to 3 first game victory over the St. Louis Browns and the Athletics pounded five St. Louis pitchers for a 13 to 2 win in the nightcap.

Dave Ferriss blanked the Detroit Tigers to give Boston a 4 to 0 victory in the first game but Detroit won the second 3 to 1 on homers by Hank Greenberg, Jim Delaw and Dick Wakefield.

Spud Chandler limited the Cleveland Indians to three hits and the New York Yankees scored all their runs in the last inning for a 2 to 0 victory in the first game and then proceeded to win the second 7 to 1 when Joe Dimaggio homered to bat in two runners.

Reuter.

National League Scores

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	4	9	0
Brooklyn	0	7	1
First game:			
Chicago	8	11	1
Boston	6	8	1
Second game:			
Chicago	3	11	1
Boston	5	11	0
First game:			
Pittsburgh	3	8	0
New York	1	4	0
Second game:			
Pittsburgh	1	7	0
New York	5	9	0
First game:			
St. Louis	9	15	1
Philadelphia	5	10	1
Second game:			
St. Louis	4	5	1
Philadelphia	0	9	1

American League Scores

	R.	H.	E.
First game:			
Washington	4	9	0
Chicago	3	11	1
Second game:			
Washington	7	11	0
Chicago	1	6	1
First game:			
Philadelphia	4	11	0
St. Louis	3	9	0
Second game:			
Philadelphia	13	18	0
St. Louis	2	10	2
First game:			
Boston	4	10	0
Detroit	0	7	0
Second game:			
Boston	1	4	1
Detroit	3	7	1
First game:			
New York	2	3	0
Cleveland	0	3	0
Second game:			
New York	7	11	0
Cleveland	1	7	2

—Associated Press.

A Bowlers' Season?

London, May 19.
Jack Hobbs, one of the greatest-ever cricketers, writing in the "Sunday Express" today said he had hoped that the first postwar cricket season might be a bowlers' one, as pitches, not having had so much attention as usual in recent years would not be quite so good from the batsmen's point of view.

After watching Surrey and the Indians at the Oval, however, the former England opening batsman said the pitch was too dead and he only saw one ball get up half high.

Hobbs thinks that either long inattention or heavy roller had taken all life out of the pitch.

The former Test player believes that Surrey, and possibly England, have found a very good bowler in Alec Bedser. Hobbs says: "He is not Maurice Tate yet, but he has the same qualifications—he can give it as well as take it."—Reuter.

International Soccer

Paris, May 19.
France today defeated England by 2 goals to 1 at the Colombes Stadium in the last game of England's international soccer programme for the season.

France deserved their win after a goalless first half. They were faster all round and their defence was superior.

The England centre forward, Tom Lawton, was fairly well held and did not have many opportunities, but was always dangerous when in possession of the ball near the goal.

The ball was put into England's goal in the opening half, but the goal was disallowed owing to a foul on Williams. The crowd roared its disapproval.

Lawton had a chance soon after the resumption of the game, when he went through on his own, but he waited too long and was robbed by Grillon.

Ten minutes after the change of ends, France opened the scoring. Aston, after beating the halfback Johnson, put the ball forward to Prouff, who drove in a fast shot. The ball beat Williams' hit the upright and bounced into the net.

England soon retaliated, but the Frenchmen were back on the attack again, and halfway through the second half of the game, the winger Vaut added to the French lead after good work by Barek.

Two minutes later, inside forward Hagan reduced England's arrears with a good header, following a free kick by Matthews.

France then came near to adding to their lead, and the game finished with them still attacking.—Reuter.

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